

REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement mailed June 29, 2004 (Paper No. 20040622), the Examiner required election of one of the following claim groups for immediate prosecution.

- (1) Group I: Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-10 and 31-44 drawn, according to the Restriction Requirement, to a protective cover;
- (2) Group II: Claims 11-16 and 23-27 drawn, according to the Restriction Requirement, to a method of protecting a pin connector; and
- (3) Group III: Claims 17-22 drawn, according to the Restriction Requirement, to a method of forming a protective cover.

Without agreeing with the conclusions or groupings presented in the Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby respectfully elects Group I: Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-10 and 31-44 for immediate prosecution. Accordingly, claims 11-27 are marked as “withdrawn” herein.

Claims 3, 6 and 28-30 were cancelled previously. Thus, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-10 and 31-44 are now presented for examination.

Applicant expressly reserves the right to file one or more continuation or divisional applications to any of the non-elected claims or similar claims, or with claims to any subject matter disclosed in the present application.

Examination of claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-10 and 31-44 is now respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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